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VIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY - VIEWS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: A. GENEVA 9815, B. GENEVA 9351, C. GENEVA 9196, D. GENEVA 6372

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM ECE EXECUTIVE SECY
STANOVNIK LETTER DATED NOV 26, 1976, FROM CZECH
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER VEJVODA, SETTING FORTH CZECH
VIEWS ON SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES
ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY. LETTER HAS BEEN
CIRCULATED TO ECE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BY STANOVNIK IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ECE DECISION B(XXXI).

2. LETTER SAYS GOC SEES SIGNIFICANCE OF SOVIET INITIATIVE
"WHICH PROCEEDS FULLY FROM SPIRIT AND LETTER OF FINAL ACT
OF CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, IN
FACT THAT PROPOSED CONGRESSES WOULD DEAL WITH TOPICAL
PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRIES OF
EUROPEAN CONTINENT AT PRESENT STAGE OF SCIENTIFIC-
TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION, SOLUTION OF WHICH DIRECTLY
INFLUENCES THE DYNAMIC OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TECHNOLOGICAL
PROGRESS."

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3. LETTER FURTHER SAYS THAT GOC SEES SPECIAL URGENCY AND POSSIBILITIES FOR ALL-EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY, AND THAT SUCCESSFUL REALIZATION OF CONGRESSES WOULD OPEN NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR COOPERATION IN EUROPE, "WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY FAVORABLY INFLUENCE FURTHER ACTIVITY OF ECE"; THEREFORE, GOC FEELS THAT "ECE SHOULD MAKE USE OF EXPERIENCE GAINED" IN AFORESAID FIELDS AND "BRING ITS CONCRETE CONTRIBUTION TO PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION" OF CONGRESSES.

4. GOC LETTER ENCLOSES LIST OF APPROX SIX SUBJECTS IN EACH OF THREE FIELDS FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION AT CONGRESSES OR "INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES".

5. COMMENT: LIKE PRIOR HUNGARIANA DPOLISH LETTERS, CZECH LETTER IS IMPRECISE RE ROLE OF ECE. IN SUGGESTING THAT ECE COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CONGRESSES, CZECHS MAY GO SOMEWHAT FURTHER THAN HUNGARIANS (ECE COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESS OF CONGRESSES) AND POLES (ECE COULD PLAY ROLE IN PREPARATION OF CONGRESSES AND IMPLEMENTATION O THEIR DECISIONS), BUT LIKE OTHERS CLEARLY GIVE IMPRESSION THAT CONGRESSES WOULD NOT BE HELD WITHIN ECE. CZECH LETTER DOES, HOWEVER, SET FORTH FOR FIRST TIME ALTERNATIVE TERMINOLOGY OF "INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES" WHICH STANOVNIK REPORTED ON RETURN FROM MOSCOW (REF A). END COMMENT

6. COPY OF CZECH LETER TRANSMITTED VIA POUCH TO IO/CMD KAHN. CATTO

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